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1. In December 1950, the Chuan Min Pao published a booklet on conditions in Communist China and Korea. The booklet was distributed among the Chinese residents of Thailand.
2. In January 1951, the Chuan Min Pao organized a campaign among Chinese laborers to collect contributions for victims of the Saphan Luang fire.
3. CHIU Chien (邱健), aka CHU Chien, aka KU Kiong*, a reporter on the Chuan Min Pao, is a Hakka. He is close associate of LIU Han-hua (劉漢華), aka LOH Hun; Hua, aka HOH Fah Liew*, President of the Bangkok Hakka Association. LIU also owns the Kian Hui Lee Company, 201-203 Rachawong Road and is manager of the Menam Goods Depot Company, Ltd.*.
4. Although the Thai police have accepted the petition of the publishers to appoint CHIE Tong Saw Tan editor of the Chuan Min Pao, they have launched a campaign to force the closure of the paper. In January 1951, the Thai police issued an order to check on the identification papers of Chuan Min Pao distributors. They also plan to call in regular subscribers to the paper for identification checks in an effort to discourage sales. Similar orders have been issued to police stations in the provinces.
5. On 1 January 1951, TS'AI Chih-hung, aka SHUI Jee Hung, editor of the CHUAN Min Pao, went to the Bangrak police station saying that he had been warned that the Chinese Nationalists were smuggling people into Thailand to assassinate pro-Communists in Bangkok. TS'AI also stated that they planned to set fire to the Ta Chong Publishing Company and then accuse the Communists of sabotage.

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6. Following the arrest on 30 January 1951 of TS'AI Chih-hung and LU Chien-chung, managing editor of the Chuan Min Pao, an urgent meeting of the Chinese Communist Party was called at the Ch'i Kuang School***, which has moved to a new building near Wat Saket (Golden Mount). At this meeting, presided over by a CCP leader, LI' Moo (林謨), aka LIM Ywin Moo****, a resolution was passed supporting the editors' appeal to the Thai Ministry of Interior.

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7. LIM Moo, a native of Hainan, studied for many years in Shanghai and France. He is a sponsor of the Lin Kong Kee Sawmill Company (林公記火鋸公司)****, 5 Wat Saket.
8. TS'AI Chih-hung and LU Chien-chung have filed a complaint with the Ministry of Interior and have addressed a plea to the Civil Court that they be released and be permitted to remain in Thailand. TS'AI told Police Lt. Col. Chamrat Mantukanon, Chief of the Thai CID, that he has never broken a Thai law, that his arrest is the result of the insistence of the American imperialists and that he is victim of repressive measures of the Thai ruling class for the suppression of those who defend righteous causes. He claims that he does not fear returning to China but is reluctant to leave his friends and his work.
9. The local Chinese Communist Party is circulating the information that the Chinese Communist Government will welcome the deportees. Sahat Mahakun, President of the Bangkok Chinese Chamber of Commerce, has donated money to the families of TS'AI and LU as an expression of sympathy.
10. LU T'ien-jung and TAN Chi-ton, both believed to be members of the Chinese Communist Party, have been named acting editor and publisher respectively of the Chuan Min Pao. LU is a Thai national, born in Thailand of Chinese parents. Both men are graduates of Assumption College in Bangkok and one of the two was graduated from Yen Ching University in Canton (sic)***** TAN is approximately 23 years old.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. According to [REDACTED] LIU had been designated as the Hakka Association representative for a projected tour of China.

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The Thailand Business Directory, 1949-1950, lists the address of the [REDACTED] Warehouse Company, Ltd., as 201-205 Rachawong Road, Bangkok.

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**** [REDACTED] Comment. The Thailand Business Directory, 1949-1950, lists Lim Tuk (林謨) as manager of the Lin Kong Kee Company. They are probably the same.

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Comment. Probably Lingnan University, which, like Yenching University in Peiping, has been partly supported by American funds.

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